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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Representative George H. Mahon

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Mr. Mahon telephoned this morning indicating he had tried to reach the Director. He mentioned four points:
 - a. Shoot down of the U-2 over Communist China on 8 September and the accidental intrusion of a U-2 over Sakhalin on 30 August and the accusation that these incidents resulted in the cessation of U-2 overflights of Cuba.
 - b. The presence of SA-2 sites in Cuba and the charge that fear of shooting down of a U-2 caused a stand down of U-2 overflights.
 - c. The take over by SAC of U-2 overflights of Cuba and the charge that there was friction between Air Force and CIA.
 - d. Human source reports in the latter part of September of missile sites in Cuba. Mr. Mahon referred to Gerry Ford's charge published in THE WASHINGTON POST of 3 March 1963 that U. S. intelligence knew as early as mid-September the Soviets were setting up missiles in Cuba. Mahon stated he did not believe that the discussion of these human source reports of last September had been explained clearly enough with sufficient

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emphasis on the entire context obtaining at the time these were received, i. e. , there had been many previous reports, many of which had subsequently been established as incorrect and Mahon thought a better job could be done on this point.

3. Mr. Mahon did not appear concerned himself over any of these points but was simply bringing it to our attention that these were the four items which were receiving the most attention and should be clearly explained.

4. Mr. Mahon said unfortunately Mr. Ford would not be in town this week but indicated he did not wish to put the hearing over as far as the week of the 18th. He believed we should go ahead on the scheduled date of 7 March at 10:00 a. m.

5. Mr. Mahon mentioned Mr. Cannon's general concern about the Agency appearing before the full Defense Subcommittee with particular reference to the problem of clearing DOD transcripts for publication. He stated that while they, of course, were not planning to publish CIA hearings, there were a number of references by members during the DOD hearings to statements made by CIA witnesses. He indicated he wished those DOD hearings reviewed for this purpose by the Agency. I indicated that this was already in process and that DOD and the Agency would work together on this one. Mr. Mahon indicated this should be done immediately and further indicated that the previously scheduled first printing as of tonight had been put over. (Per Sheldon call to General Carroll, Colonel of DIA and will work on this.)

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